DR. S. JOHN (*Ag. Surgeon General*): (*a*) and (*b*) A *statement containing the information is placed on the table.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know how all these patients are accommodated in the General Hospital when the number of beds is less than the number of patients?

PRESIDENT: They are lying on the floor.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether the Surgeon General has made any recommendation to Government for increasing the number of beds?

DR. S. JOHN: Government have opened another hospital at Perurkada with beds to accommodate nearly 200 patients.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether the number of patients in the General Hospital is increasing or decreasing year after year?

DR. S. JOHN: The increase or decrease depends upon the public health of the people of the country.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether it is on the increase or decrease for the last two or three years?

DR. S. JOHN: It is more or less in the same state.

Dispensary at Noornad.

13. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any representation to open a dispensary at Noornad; and

(*b*) the action taken on the same till this (7-11-1118)?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) and (*b*) The member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 208 reported at page 432 of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly (Volume XX) dated 24-7-1942/28-12-1117.

Midwife for Ankamali.

14. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a midwife of the Public Health Department is on duty at Ankamali; and

(*b*) whether the Director of Public Health is aware that there is an institution in Ankamali itself receiving grant from Government and that a midwife is employed in that institution?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: അങ്കമാലിയിൽ മെഡിക്കൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും ഗ്രാൻറ് വാങ്ങിക്കുന്ന ഒരു സ്ഥാപനം ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കെ പബ്ലിക്കഹെൽത്ത് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും ഒരു മിഡ്വൈഫിനെ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നത് എന്തിനാണ്?

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